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## Amendment

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed October  
21, 2003.

Please amend the claims to the following:

1.(original) A gripper, comprising:

first and second pairs of forceps, each pair of forceps including an inner leg and  
an outer leg, each leg having an upper end and a lower end, wherein the inner leg and  
outer leg of each pair of forceps are connected together adjacent to their upper ends and  
define a gripper at their lower ends, the inner and outer legs of each pair of forceps being  
movable relative to each other within a plane of motion;

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